

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Roy M. Dalton on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roy “Mike” Dalton is one such estimable person who served with distinction for nearly twenty years as the Director of Maryville City Schools until taking a much-deserved retirement in December of 2007; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure as Director of Maryville City Schools, Dr. Dalton served as the Assistant Commissioner for Career Ladder with the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Blount County, Dr. Dalton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Maryville College and a Master of Arts degree in Mathematics and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 until 1972, he served with acumen and alacrity as a high school mathematics teacher with the Blount County School system, followed by two years as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he ably served as the Assistant Superintendent/High School Supervisor with Blount County Schools from 1974 to 1982 and taught high school mathematics at Maryville City Schools from 1982 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Dr. Dalton has held memberships and offices in numerous organizations, including the Association of Independent and Municipal School Systems, for which he served on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2002 and as President from 1999 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, he has also contributed his time and professional expertise to the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, serving on the Board of Directors from 2002 to 2006; the American Association of School Administrators; and the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, standing on the Board of Directors from 1992 to 1996 and holding the chairmanship of its Assessment Task Force in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dalton has participated in numerous professional development activities, such as the International Center for Leadership in Education Model Schools Conference, the National School Board Association T & L Conference, the United States Marine Corps Leadership Development Training at Paris Island, and the Tennessee Associates International Executive Training for Continuous Improvement; from 1988 until 2007, he devoted ten days each year to Tennessee CEO Training; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Dr. Dalton serves on the Board of Visitors of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, is Chairman of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Education CEO Group, and has actively participated in the Maryville Kiwanis Club; he has also lent his talents to the Blount-Knox School to Career Council Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dalton is an active and devout member of Monte Vista Baptist Church, which he has served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, his professional achievements aside, Dr. Dalton enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Linda Porter Dalton, and is the proud father of John Dalton and Joe Dalton; he is also the loving grandfather of Ryan and Eliza; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Dalton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students and colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Mike Dalton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling

retirement, even as we honor his many laudable years as Director of Maryville City Schools and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.